

St. Margaret Mary Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-5 pm.

July & August: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-4 pm.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 am

April to November

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available 30 minutes before all Masses or by appointment.

Parish Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

Sat: Benediction 8:45 am.

Baptisms: are celebrated by appointment only. Participation in a Baptismal Preparation Session is required. Please contact the parish office (905-388-2200) well in advance.

Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry should contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

Visits to the Sick: If you or someone you know is in need of a visit in home or hospital please call the parish office.

New to the Parish: Please register by completing a registration form (available in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

Schools:

St. Margaret Mary	905-383-8122
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186



MONDAY – JANUARY 16TH

7:30 am – Robert & David Marques

TUESDAY – JANUARY 17TH – ST. ANTHONY

7:30 am – Helen Barios, Kay Larkin,
Julieta Salangang

WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 18TH

7:00 pm – Filiberto Cassiani, Helen Drotar,
Giuliano Guidi, Attilio Marinucci,
Guisepina Pacini, Assunta &
Nicola Venditti

THURSDAY – JANUARY 19TH

7:30 am – Deris Giavedoni

FRIDAY – JANUARY 20TH

7:30 am – Special Intention

SATURDAY – JANUARY 21ST – ST. AGNES

9:00 am – Pericles Sison

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PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma

TUESDAY- Rev. Francis Hubilla

WEDNESDAY – Youth Ministers

THURSDAY – Rev. Luc Payette

FRIDAY – Rev. Joseph Okoko. i.v.Dei.

SATURDAY – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.

THIS WEEK

“From “little faith” to “faith that moves mountains” Bible Study will take place on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH**, at 7:00 PM in the Hearth Room.

PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH/29TH**. Pre-order sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or you can call Bob at 905-389-4024. Cost is \$6.00 each or three for \$15.00. Final day to order is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH**.

BISHOP’S CHARITY DINNER DANCE

. . . will be held on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023** at Carmen’s Banquet Centre (1520 Stonechurch Road East).

The Guest Speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D. Limited tickets, \$75.00 per person, can be obtained by calling Mario Salvatore at 289-812-2548.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

We may (or may not) have made New Year’s resolutions. The beginning of *Ordinary Time* is a good opportunity to consider some spiritual resolutions . . . this is not an exhaustive list!

- Attend Mass on Sundays and major feasts.
- Pray with the Gospel or other Mass readings listed in the bulletin.
- Make an effort at some household prayer – common Rosary, Angelus, grace before and after meals.
- Pray for the Pope, the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who serve the Church.
- Volunteer in some form of outreach to the poor, the sick, the homebound.

- Avoid gossip and complaining, take on gratitude and generosity with others.

Adopting one, or some of these resolutions will surely strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.

What is Ordinary Time?

From The Catholic Telegraph website: “The term ‘ordinary’ in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. A kind of ‘it is what it is’ mentality. For that reason, many people hear ‘Ordinary Time’ and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn’t reflect the true meaning of the season. Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term ordinalis, meaning ‘numbered’ or ‘ruled’. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren’t the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.”

From the Modern Catholic Encyclopedia on Ordinary time: “There is a gap of varying lengths from year to year between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent, and there is always a long period after Pentecost before another liturgical year begins with a new Advent. These two periods together make up what is known as Ordinary Time. There is a series of Sundays with their appropriate readings, which begins in January, is interrupted for close to fourteen weeks, and then continues to the next Advent. It is the main concern of the celebration of Ordinary Time to keep this focus on the gift and continuing task of the believing community alive in the experience of Christians in their daily lives. In fact, it is particularly in Ordinary Time that the pattern of the week emerges as continuing celebration of the mysteries of

redemption, with every Sunday a resurrection feast and every Friday recalling the redemptive death of Jesus and what it means in terms of the unfinished confrontation with forces of evil.”

QUOTES FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI

“Marriage is linked to faith, but not in a general way. Marriage, as a union of faithful and indissoluble love, is based upon the grace that comes from the triune God, who in Christ loved us with a faithful love, even to the Cross.”

“Holiness does not consist in never having erred or sinned. Holiness increases the capacity for conversion, for repentance, for willingness to start again and, especially, for reconciliation and forgiveness.”

Formed.org Resources

Have you logged into www.formed.org lately? It is like the Catholic Netflix, but not only has great inspiring movies and documentaries, but also offers eBooks, and much more – including podcasts about history, mental health, evangelization, and so on. It also has great programs for children. In fact, there are daily reflections you can use in this New Year to grow closer to God every day. To access this all you have to do is go to www.formed.org and register using our parish’s postal code (L8T 1V9). In the past we’ve recommended you check out *The Search*, *Symbolon*, and *The Chosen*. There is sure to be something great for you there.

Great Upcoming Events

January 13th – 7-8:30 PM - Encounter Night: Adoration and Confessions along with silent time for prayer and spiritual music. At St. Margaret Mary parish.


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